

**Minimum Standards for HIV Counselors, Trainers and  
Early Intervention Consultants**

**Policy:** All staff who conduct HIV pre- and post-test counseling sessions must successfully complete the HIV/AIDS 501 Client-Centered Counseling and Testing, Partner Counseling and Referral Services class and receive annual updates. Every participant attending a Department of Health sponsored course (e.g., HIV/AIDS 501 Client-Centered Counseling and Testing, Partner Counseling and Referral Services class) will receive current Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention approved information and the same core elements, as specified in the course materials, regardless of where the course was given or the instructor. This will ensure that clients are afforded the opportunity to receive quality HIV counseling and testing services to prevent the spread of new infections and re-infections, and if appropriate, referrals to other care providers, and partner counseling and referral services.

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